PAPERINIK

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WALT DISNEY

A day of work like many others, at the laboratory of ***Gyro Gearloose****...*

We're almost there, **Paperinik**! Hold on a minute longer!

We're practically finished!

Tip Dap Tip

It's been almost *two hours* since you forced me into this chair!

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I don't even understand this experiment you're making me do!

It's very simple!

This is the *Ego Machine*!

Yeah, I remember this one.

24F

And I remember the headaches it caused!

FIZZ

* SE VOLETE SAPERE DI CHE COSA STA PARLANDO PAPERINIK, ANDATE A RILEGGERE TOPOLINO N. 2897!

You haven't disassembled it yet?

I've made some adjustments and now it's safe!

I feed the machine the data of your **personality** so that it can evaluate your composition!

TRAK TRAK

I've finally been able to calculate "**Component-Paperinik**!"

My... the... *What?*

As you know, dear little Masquerader, I am the only one who knows your true identity!

I know, but every time it's better for you to forget, thanks to the **CAR-CAN***

**I didn't bother to translate the name of the candy, but basically, it's candy that Gyro created to make himself forget that PK is Donald!*

The point is, Paperinik could not be the superhero he is if he didn't have a certain ***percent*** of ***Donald Duck-ness***!

That is to say, his most goofball, awkward, clumsy, uncoordinated...

Okay, okay, I get the point!

The Ego Machine has established that Paperinik is Donald Duck at a chance of roughly *24 to 57 percent*!

I thought it'd be more...

Lately, though, that percent has dropped 15%! It's in constant decline!

Well, being a superhero is a difficult task!

PRK

95

16

PNO

You must be quick but sturdy, certainly not a trouble-maker or a slowpoke!

And since we're being honest: sometimes Donald creates problems for Paperinik!

But he makes you so much cuter than other superheroes!

"...Especially those too focused on themselves!"

I am **Powerman**, the strongest, most courageous, most invincible, and I had all As in school!

In short, your "**Donald Side**" is the reason why you're such a unique superhero!

Uhm... sorry to interrupt you, Gyro!

But I think that the Ego Machine is slightly ***overheating***.

WHA?!

Move Aside, Paperinik!
BONK
ZAP ZIP
ZOW
FZZZ
ZAP
WHOSH
Luckily, there were no damages! The consequences could have been very serious!
BOF
EIP
Like what?
A quantam apparatus like this is capable of opening tunnels in space-time!
You mean we could've been sucked into an **alternate dimension**?
Or, a being from another dimension could have come here!
ZAP
ZAP
Good thing that didn't happen!
Are you sure about that?
Hello!
GULP!
ZAP-ZOOING

Who are you? Where did you come from? How did you get here?

I'd like to know that too!... My name is Nik! **Nik Paper!**

NP

NAP!

I look very much like you, Paperinik!

Oh, ***Really***? I hadn't noticed.

I think I understand what happened!

Just as I expected! The Ego Machine teleported a ***version of you*** from an inverted dimension here!

GULP!

It's a similar situation to that which occurred in the appearance of the ***Mad Ducktor!****

You don't say?

**Gyro's evil Alter-Ego! if you don't remember, read Topolino 2897 and 2967!*

You mean that this Nik Paper, or whatever he's called, is my **Evil** clone? My **Cruel** double? My **Treacherous** twin?

Maybe so, Paperinik!

But he sure doesn't look evil!

Beautiful, a portable little reading lamp!

He's not a reading light! He's *Little Helper*, my *assistant*!

Oh, I'm sorry, I'll put you back down where I got you!

OPS!

BAK!

ZOW

ZOW

CRA-KRASH!

Don't say a word, I'll clean it all up!

I don't know how I got to your dimension....

...But I assure you that in my world, I'm a superhero just like you, Paperinik!

Oh, ya don't say?

Criminals ***tremble*** when they see me coming!

I understand why!

Well, I suppose you'll have to stay until Gyro can find a way to get you back to your original dimension...

Wherever that is!

Mind if I sit? The trip into this dimension's made me a little tired!

It's a natural talent!

CLONG

In retrospect, though, you're probably safer out in the open!

I'm excited to visit and explore your world!

ZOMP CLONK ZOMP ZOMP CLANK

A ***313-X***! Fantastic car! I have the same one, but opposite! Mine's the ***X-313***!

The only problem with this particular model is the door! It's so hard to open!

Honestly, I've never really had a problem...

For this, we'll have to use all our strength!

Stop!

TROK

GNEIK!

Too late.

KRAK TROK

(*sigh*) Don't worry, Paperinik. I can fix it.

Hey, look! I'm not stuck in the chair anymore!

SAP

CLANG!

And So...

We won't have to drive around in this car all day, right?

I'm afraid to bring him back to the lab! I'll get ***fired***!

BOWLING

Bowling! My favourite sport!

What do you say? You think we'll be safe in there?

There's nowhere that's safe with *him* nearby.

I'll show you the move that made me famous!

Alright, I'll watch...

...As long as you stay over there!

Ready..

YAAAH..

SWIIZ

Go....!

TOM

TOMP

TOMP

CRAK

TOMP

Well he did get a ***strike***!

Paperinik look!

CLIK

CLAK

CLICK

Hello all! This is your *old friend* the **Mad Ducktor** speaking to you!

It's been a while since we've seen each other

Wasn t he n jail? How'd he escape?

He s free! In Duckburg it happens al the time

But do not worry from now on we'll see each other ***much more often***

Zzzzz

Even if the view is a bit different from usual

What does he mean?

I don't know

" but I already don t ke it!"

You'll all notice that something is changing soon enough!

"The colours you are used to. well. they might dull out a bit "

Hey the reds look orange and the blues look bluish!

You'll notice it over the next few days! And as you wonder what's going on

GIALLO

CIANO

MAG

" You'll have a wonderful surprise "

The situation is ***gray***!

Mad Ducktor has installed a Colour Absorption Device over Duckburg!

LENTE

TRAIETTORIA

TRACCIA

"It's an ocular crystal positioned under the stratosphere which traps the light!"

Objects will no longer be able to break down the colours of the rainbow and everything will become faded!

Even my costume?

What is wrong with that guy?

I'm not sure, but the consequences of a world without colour will be catastrophic!

"Imagine the traffic lights..."

Are you blind? The light was gray!

It was ***you*** who ran the gray not me!

"Not to mention its impacts on football!"

I don't remember what team I'm cheering for anymore!

Me neither! All the jerseys are the same colour!

A world without colour is a world without life! Everything will become the same

Then we must stop that malicious Mad Ducktor at once!

Let's join forces! Together we can do it!

Yeah, sure but watch out for the bucket. Nik!

Oops...

CLONG

CRAK

Release my foot, blasted bucket!

GRR GRK

ZOMP

TOMP

Here comes disaster!

SMASH

KRASH

FZAP

FZAP

CLICK

Oh no NO **NO, *NOOO!!!*** My prototype!!

Err ***Uhm*** Was it someth ng important?

FZZZ

FZZZ

Only a sustainably solar-powered machine which could've stopped global warming, ***I worked on it for years and you destroyed it in a second!***

ULP!

No worries, friend, there s nothing that a little bit of **Duct Tape** can't fix!

SCRATCH

I just can't process why this is happening to me! I can't even move!

It's just *constant nonsense*- this always happens to me with Fethry!

SKRATCH

SKOTCHH

SKRAKH

I think... **Uhm**... that I've got into a bit of a *sticky situation*!

At least for a now, he can't move!

"Why don't you go on a walk through the countryside!"

Alas, Paperinik doesn't trust my abilities as his **superhero-double**!

But I'll find a way to show him what I'm *really* made of!

BLLAHO

Doth my eyes not deceiveth me? A **very serious crime** is happening right over there!

It's time for Nik Paper to intervene!

NP

Stop right there, **Poultry** Thief!

And who are you, now?

GRANK

My name is Nik Paper, alter-ego of Paperinik! And today's the day your criminal career comes to an end... Oops!

SPLAT

Get outta my way, fool!

I must temporarily rely on these Mechanical means for the capture and imprisonment of the wrongdoer!

But he's escaping on foot! All you need to catch him is a bike!

But I saw the **tractor** first!

You sure you know how to drive it?

A superhero like me knows how to do anything! This lever changes the gears, right?

GRAK

KRICK

Yes, but be careful, it's in **reverse** gear

VVROOMM

CRASH

Already!

I am... speechless and sorry, officer!

You very well should be! Your friend here caused more trouble than a tornado! Look at those damages!

It was just a series of unfortunate events!

"After he destroyed the tractor, he knocked over a silo full of seeds."

*"He then tried to drive a **bulldozer**"*

VVRAOR

*"Which resulted in the destruction of the **entire farm**."*

I thought that lever was forward!

All this for a lousy chicken thief!

By the way, what happened to him?

*"He was stopped by a **senior** on a **bicycle**"*

Stop right there or I'll straighten ye' out!

Try and keep an eye on that one! If I have to come back here, I will hold you responsible

Yes, he'll be supervised at all times from now on

What exactly is this bracelet, Gyro?

It's a ***GPS Signaller***

CLACK!

So that I can always know where you are, and if you start messing with stuff I can send you a text and tell you to stop

At least until we can figure out how to send you back to your dimension, hoping to get you back to the right one!

Wherever it is!

some random one-off guy (shrug)

Hyper (?) Paperwik

Meanwhile... the evil plan of the wicked Mad Ducktor is beginning to take shape

I can't remember which car is mine anymore! They all look the same colour!

And the lives of Duckburgians become more complicated.

I can't pick between this gray and the other gray for my living room curtains!

Well, they're both equally beautiful!

And equally gray

Mad Ducktor just announced a ***live Multivideo speech*** this afternoon!

Multivideo?!

*"That means it'll appear on every screen in the city... even the **bank machines**!"*

Hail and well met, friends and fellow citizens! Did you miss me?

PAPBANK

As you may have noticed your world is starting to turn grey! But don't worry, your colours are in *good hands*

Mine! I'm leaving the gray to you!

BOMP POMF GLUB GIAL CIAN

He ***stole*** the colours?

More or less. He stole the *principles of light* responsible for colours and stored them in sealed containers

But how did he come up with an idea like that?

PROGETTI ALLANTONATI

In a certain sense this is **my fault!**

Some time ago, I worked on the creation of a **brand new colour**, one that's never existed before

PIGMENT MUTANT FORMULA

I mixed two colours, a light medium yellow-ish blue and a deep brown-ish orange gold!

BLOTCH

Well, let's see what happens!

"But the results were not **satisfactory**."

Augh! What a gruesome colour!

So I put the project aside for a while!

And Mad Ducktor took it and perfected it in his own evil way!

He's my **alter-ego**! He knows what I know, even if his intentions are different... ***Gulp***! What's happening?

KRASH

Could you try to be a little less ***Donald Duck*** for just ten minutes?

I wanted to hang up a picture

If Mad Ducktor becomes the god of colours, his power could become absolute!

Exactly! We have to do something!

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

First things first, we should figure out where he's hiding!

Maybe I know how to find it!

SUPER COMPUTER

Every live video signal contains information of where the broadcast onginated!

Do you really th nk the Mad Ducktor was so stupid as to not cover h s tracks?

No, in fact. his broadcast data is heavily ***encrypted***

BLINK

Ulp! I see

However this **information Jumbler** g ves us a clue!

What does that mean?

FA-ZAP

TAP

Look at these images! What do they have in common?

I'd say *nothing!*

You d be wrong! In fact, pay carefu attent on to th s

To discover a ***hidden matrix!***

A

B

Gulp! A **cubic code!**

This is the map to follow! It'll lead us right to Mad Ducktor's lair!

And once there, it's up to me!

Are you sure the perfidious perpetrator won't be waiting for you at the gates?

I don't really think he'll be expecting a move like this!

And anyway, you need to stop meddling!

I'd just like to lend a helping hand

This is a serious matter! We can't risk failing because of your ***clumsiness***!

Gulp!

Do you wanna be useful? Then wait here and try not to create a complete ***disaster***!

WOOSH

Sigh! My other self is right. I'm a complete good-for-nothing!

I'd better find a way to get back to my own dimension!

If only I knew where to start looking.

We're close to finding it, Paperinik! The signal is getting stronger!

BIP BIP

The ***subway tunnels***! The mischievous malcontent must've hidden himself there!

KRRK

He thought he could, but there's no place you can escape where the justice of the masked duck won't find you!

He's just behind this door!

I'd consider this a classic example of what we'd call

The *element of surprise*
Wah--?

POF

ZHAF

We come, *friends*! I've been expecting you!

How?! Did you know we would find you?

ZZZzzzz

I was the one who planned for you to come here, so I could finally get rid of you once and for all!

How did you accomplish that?

ZZZzzzz

Simple: you are the two most **simple-minded** and predictable beings I've ever encountered!

You purposely planted that information that brought us here!

Maybe you forgot, Gyro, but I am your ***alter-ego***! Our geniuses are identical!

Save for the fact that I am a scientist, and you are a criminal.

No more talk! You'll no longer be the stick in my wheels, my lesser twin!

Don't forget that if you eliminate me, you eliminate yourself!

You are wrong: Now that I've fully developed my own corporeal form, I no longer need you alive!

GULP!

My ***Space-Time Lasso*** will be thrusting you into another dimension!

EJECT

Hey, wait a minute! I wanna know what dimension you're sending us to!

One almost identical to this one, so you won't be able to come back!

Three... two... **Ulp!**

DRIIING

17-30

NUPPYTIME

Procedure interrupted. It's time for a snack! Tea and muffins are waiting for me, ***slurp***!

Are you *really* sure that's your alter ego?

Well... I like muffins too

We have to take advantage of this! Look for a way out of here!

But why? I also have a half empty phone battery!

The ***bracelet*** on Nik Paper!

I'll just send him a text!

Quick, tell him to come and save us!

Hoping to be saved from the clumsiest superhero in all the dimensions... Crazy!

TLON TLIN TLAN

Uh Oh! Gyro texted me!

hey idiot come save us in the subway pls

My friends need me! I won't disappoint them!

Hold on! I'm coming!

Hey! be careful with where you're going, you moron in tights!

PAK!

MMM. These **glazed apple and sultana muffins** are *delicious*!

I'm sorry I didn't share them with you, but maybe you'll be lucky and end up in the dimension of ***banana muffins***!

There's no such thing as a banana muffins dimension! You made that up!

And yet you don't know it doesn't exist, smarty-pants!

I just know, Mad Ducktor, you ignorant slut!

Anyways. Where were we? We were down to a second, if I'm not mistaken?

So long, folks! Hope we won't meet again!

ZAF!

Stop right there, you ***sinister scientist***!

Your vile intentions are bound to fail miserably under the **sweet winds of justice**!

And who is this clown?

A friend!

And a valuable asset to the team!

My name is Nik Paper, and I have arrived in your nefarious lair to restore the primacy and power of righteousness!

Nik, could you please cut the **fancy monologue** and get to the point?

Remember how we're about to be sent into the *Banana Muffins dimension*!

Step away from the lever or I'll shoot you with my **particle disruptor** and you'll be reduced into subatomic molecules!

Really? That looks like a water gun.

Alright, you asked for it!

Oops... My finger got *stuck* in the trigger!

SNAP

Is it always like this?

You should see what he's capable of doing with a **rake** and a **watering can**.

ULP!

TLING

ZO-ZOW

CRAK

ZOP

ZEE

BLINK

BLINK

FLIP

WHOOSHH

WOMP

Dear Mad Ducktor, I'm sorry to tell you that we are free...

...While *you're* going back to jail!

E INFATTI...

It couldn't have ended a better way! A plan designed to make everything the same, foiled by unpredictability!

I'd like to think that the winning factor today was that "**Component-Donald!**"

I think so too! In fact, I'll try to be as "Donald" as possible in the future.

Here, a **Car-Can**! It's better that Paperinik and Donald remain two separate characters, at least for you!

But... I don't see Nik Paper anymore! Where'd he go?

Well, let's hope that after saving the city, he's not destroying it.

Look... it's a ***space-time tunnel***! Or, at least, what's left of it...

Must've opened following the short circuit!

I think your double's finally found his way home!

He left a note...

GOODBYE FRIEND!

I'LL COME BACK TO SEE YOU JUST AS SOON AS YOU COME VISIT ME!

YOURS,
NIK

It won't be easy to forget someone like Nik Paper, even with a handful of Car-Cans!

Y'know, I don't think I want to forget!

After all, that guy looks a lot like me!

END